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FOR LATE PREMIER

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A CHINESE-AMERICAN TOURIST WHO WAS IN SIAN, SHENSI PROVINCE, ON APRIL

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TOLD USLO THAT ON THAT DAY THE BELL TOWER IN THE CENTER OF TOWN
WAS COVERED WITH LARGE NUMBERS OF WREATHS HONORING CHOU
EN-LAI. THE WREATHS WERE APPARENTLY STILL IN PLACE AFTER THE
WREATHS IN PEKING'S TIEN AN MEN SQUARE HAD BEEN REMOVED THE
NIGHT BEFORE. THE BELL TOWER AREA WAS CLOSED TO FOREIGNERS,
BUT WREATHS AND CROWDS COULD BE SEEN FROM THE TOURIST'S CAR
AS IT DETOURED AROUND SIAN'S CITY CENTER. THE CHINA TRAVEL
SERVICE GUIDE, WHO AT TIMES DURING THE DAY WAS "ALMOST IN
TEARS," TOLD THE TOURIST THAT THE WREATHS WERE FOR THE LATE
PREMIER.
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